

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
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In re application of:

Inventor: James H. Manthei et al.

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: Art Unit 3643

Filed: February 18, 2004

: Examiner: Andrea M. Valenti

For: System and Method for Containment and Testing of Extremely Toxic Substances

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.142

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action (restriction requirement) dated September 30, 2004, applicant hereby elects Group I, Claims 1-11 and 18-23, drawn to toxic substance containment and test system, for prosecution on the merits, without traverse. Please cancel Claims 12-17. No amendment of inventorship is required as result of the cancellation of these claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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